

some discussion of a political issue...campaign. I have a suspicion that the next campaign that there will be few who run on a platform that they are in favor of increasing sales or income tax to continue the property tax relief contained in LB 98, and I will predict that there will be fewer who do that will be elected. You know that's how it's going to be. It always is that way. There will be a handful of exceptions only. There was reference that there are some things in the main line bills, particularly capital construction, that could be eliminated. True, they can. There's one difference, they'll be back. Virtually all of them will be back until they're completed. So it's not an expense that will be done away with. It's an expense, at best, that will be deferred and probably deferred to a higher cost. So that really is not the alternative, although it's one that can temporarily be used. But it seems to me the bottom issue, the bottom line issue, is one on what money and how much should be returned to taxpayers, and there ought to be at least some relative relationship in that return to those who paid it in, and for those reasons I would urge the adoption of the bracket motion until LB 739 has been read on Final Reading so we know what its effect is. Hopefully, it could be read yet this week, in order that LB 84 could be amended, if necessary, to provide for the funding that would be lost by the passage of LB 739.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal, would you care to discuss the motion to bracket?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. I'm going to support the bracket motion. I suppose that's fairly obvious. LB 739 is my priority bill. It's the Governor's introduction bill, but it is my priority bill. I would support this bracket motion even if that weren't the case because I feel that Senator Warner is making a very good argument and I happen to agree with it. I have voted for some of the amendments on LB 84 not because I am against issuing property tax relief; that I don't believe there is anybody on this floor that is really going to say that they are against reducing property taxes, the burdens on people. But rather I am very concerned about this budget fitting and I am extremely concerned about the prospect of reading LB 84 tonight. I realize that each of us have our own priorities, our own methods of trying to make this whole budget picture fit and where in a list of priorities certain items fall, and I think for many people obviously a majority of the people, the property tax addressing of that issue is high. It's